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Attention: Mr. James Hyde

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that the Central Intelligence Agency will not submit a legislative program for consideration. There are several matters involving legislation which we are considering which Mr. Hyde suggested in conversation should be mentioned.

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A review of the Missing Persons Act, as amended (pages 101 et seq., Title 50 App. U. S. Code), indicates that its wording does not meet possible situations which can arise under other than wartime conditions. There have been informal conversations with the Air Force who are interested and are examining the problem to determine if it appropriately could become a part of the Department of Defense legislative program.

For some time this Agency has been studying various aspects of the espionage and security laws with the hope of improvement. For example, the jurisdiction of Chapter 37 of Title 18 which deals with espionage by its terms is not applicable in foreign countries. In the last two Congresses there have been efforts to extend the jurisdiction but no action was completed. There are other possible improvements which are being studied but these studies are not sufficiently advanced to make specific proposals.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Comptroller

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